



# Food That's in When school is out !

**Summer Food Service Program  
Including Seamless Summer Food Program  
& Summer School**

## **2007 Report**

**Connecticut State Department of Education  
Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education**



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The Summer Food Service Program is a federally funded program administered by the State Department of Education. The program provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children through 18 years of age in low-income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play and grow, throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

This report presents a summary of summer food activities that were carried out in Connecticut during the summer of 2007.

The 2007 Summer Food Service (SFSP) Report incorporates three alternatives to serving meals to children over the summer months.

- ◆ Traditional Summer Food Service Program – The Summer Food Service Program is run by approved sponsors, including school districts, local government agencies, camps, or private nonprofit organizations. Based on the number of meals served, sponsors receive an operating and administrative cost reimbursement. The Summer Food Service Program was first created as part of a larger pilot program in 1968 and became its own separate program in 1975.
- ◆ Seamless Summer Food Program – This program is limited to school districts and offers streamlined administrative procedures through reduced paperwork. Participants operate under the National School Lunch Program regulations and are paid applicable school lunch rates. This program was initiated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2002 to increase summer program participation.
- ◆ Academic Summer School – A school site that provides meals only to enrolled summer school students. The meals are eligible for reimbursement at free, reduced price and paid rates under the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program.

**Distribution of Sponsors.** Only certain types of organizations can sponsor the Summer Food Service Program. The types of sponsors include schools, governments and municipalities, private non-profit organizations, camps and National Youth Sports Programs. In 2007, the Summer Food Service Program had a total of 35 sponsors. Of the total, there were 23 Traditional Summer Food sponsors and 12 Seamless Summer Food sponsors. The number of each type of sponsor and the percentage represented are depicted on Chart I.

**Chart I**

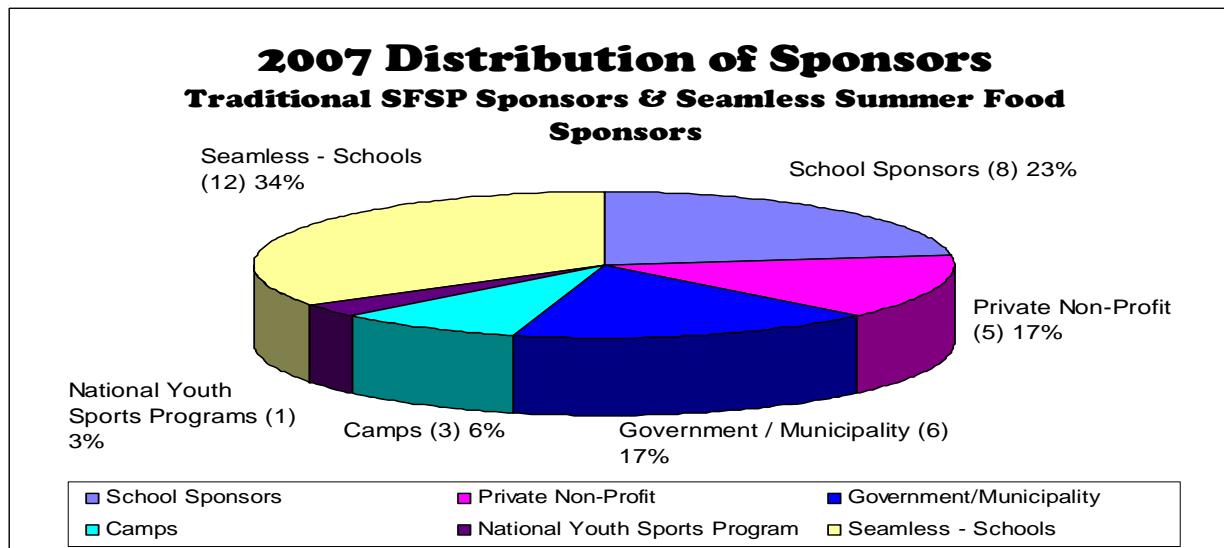
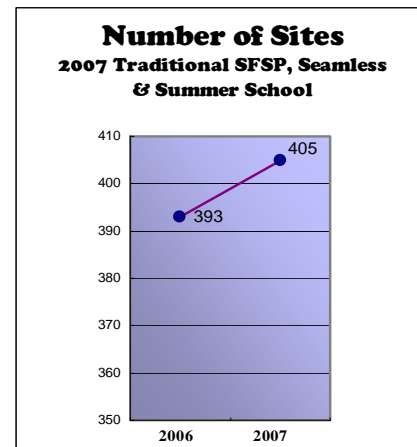


Chart II

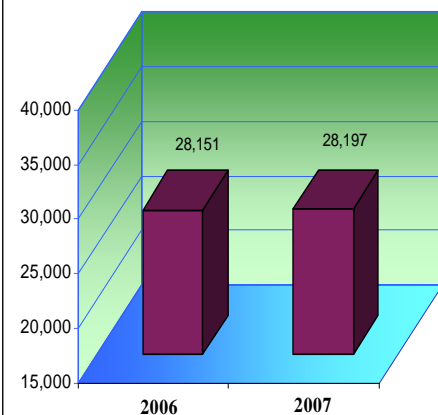
**Number of Sites.** A Summer Food Service Program site is a physical location where program meals are served to children and where children consume meals in a supervised setting. In 2007, the total number of summer sites feeding children was 405. The Traditional Summer Food Service Program represents 146 sites and the Seamless Summer Food Program and Academic Summer School represented 259 sites. Chart II displays a three percent increase in the total number of sites from 2006 to 2007.



**Average Daily Attendance.** The average daily attendance represents the average number of children present and eating a meal at a Summer Food site. Overall, the programs combined had a minimal increase in daily attendance from 2006 to 2007 as seen in Chart III. Additional data which represents a ten year profile of the Summer Food Service Program displays the Average Daily Attendance from 1998 through 2007 and is displayed in Chart IV.

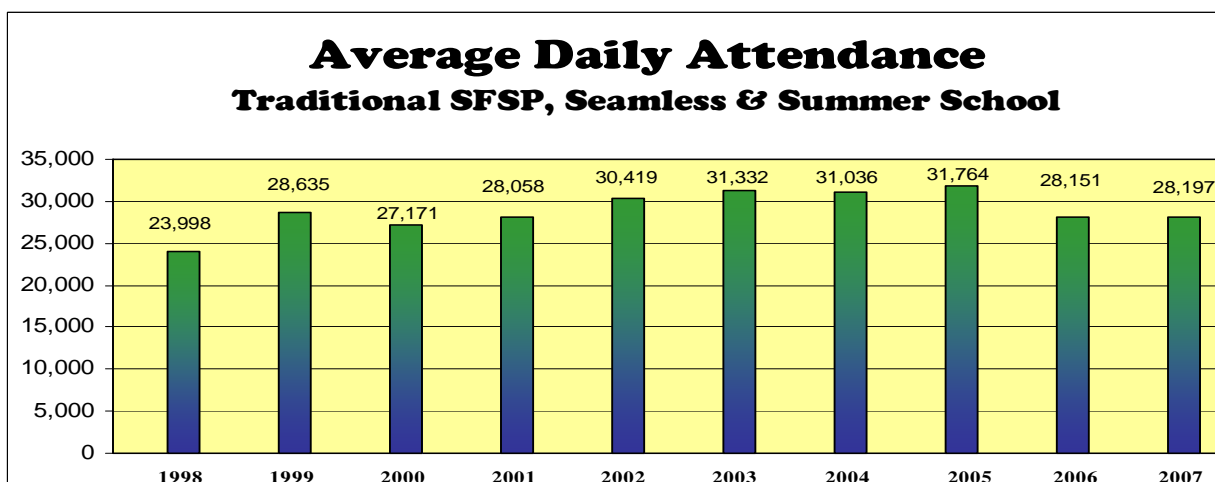
Chart III

**Average Daily Attendance**  
2007 Traditional SFSP, Seamless & Summer School



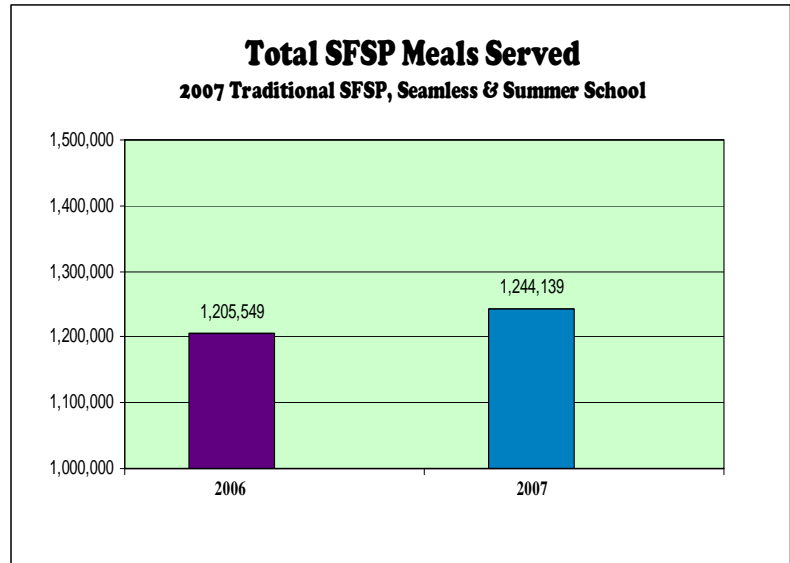
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|------------------------|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| ADA-SFSP (traditional) | = | 6,835  | (increase from 6,826 in 2006)  |
| ADA-Seamless           | = | 20,562 | (decrease from 20,591 in 2006) |
| ADA-Summer School      | = | 800    | (increase from 734 in 2006)    |

Chart IV



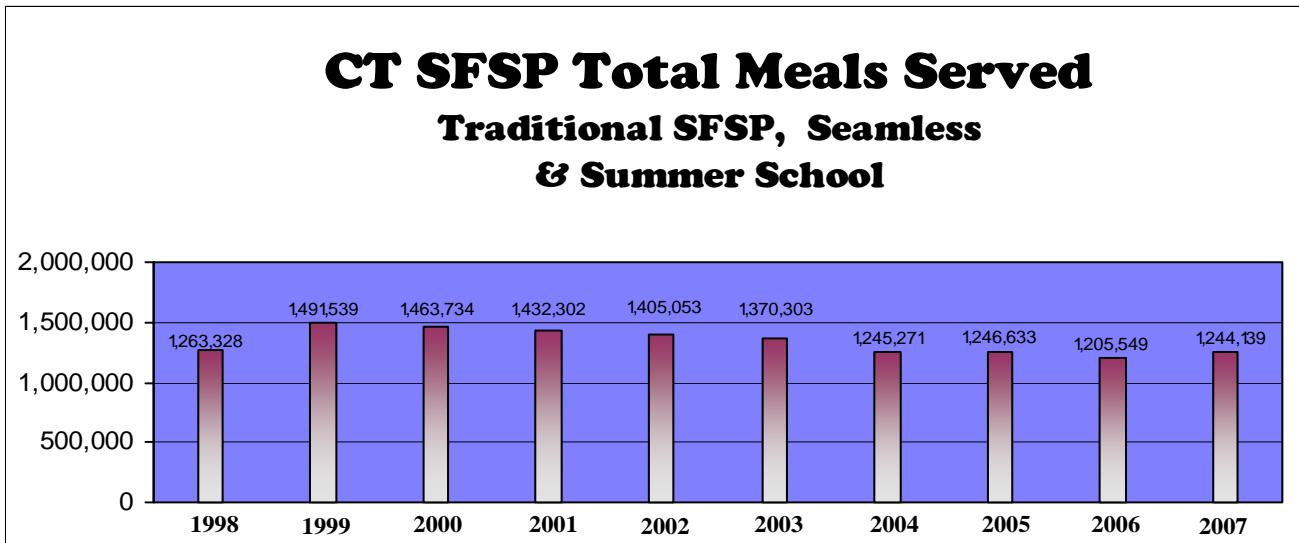
**Chart V**

**Total Summer Food Service Program Meals Served.** Represents the total program meals served at the Traditional Summer Food Program, Seamless Summer Food Program and the Academic Summer School. Chart V displays the meals served by each meal type during 2007. For reporting purposes, the Traditional Summer Food Program, Seamless Summer Food Program and Academic Summer School are combined and represent an overall three percent increase. Additional data which represents a ten year comparison of Total Meals Served from 1998 through 2007 is displayed in Chart IV.



|                    |           |                                 |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| SFSP (traditional) | = 331,774 | (increase from 326,814 in 2006) |
| Seamless           | = 882,288 | (increase from 851,548 in 2006) |
| Summer School      | = 30,077  | (increase from 27,187 in 2006)  |

**Chart VI**



**Summer Meal Count Comparison.** Table I represents a five year meal count comparison from 2003 through 2007.

**Table I**

| Sponsor                                      | 2007    | 2006    | 2005    | 2004    | 2003    | % Change<br>2006-2007 | % Change<br>2005-2006 | % Change<br>2004-2005 | % Change<br>2003-2004 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ansonia Board of Education                   | 32,515  | 29,760  | 33,318  | 24,760  | 20,809  | 9%                    | -11%                  | 35%                   | 19%                   |
| Salvation Army - Camp CONNRI                 | 11,633  | 14,562  | 16,865  | 13,487  | 13,428  | -20%                  | -14%                  | 25%                   | 0.4%                  |
| Bridgeport BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)  | 212,108 | 211,789 | 230,126 | 219,863 | 245,739 | 0%                    | -8%                   | 5%                    | -11%                  |
| Bristol                                      | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | 3,931   | 4,009   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | -2%                   |
| Almada Lodge                                 | 12,035  | 14,113  | 13,131  | 13,508  | 13,630  | -15%                  | 7%                    | -3%                   | -1%                   |
| Danbury BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)     | 44,131  | 42,995  | 39,588  | 26,306  | 19,288  | 3%                    | 9%                    | 50%                   | 36%                   |
| East Hartford ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)   | 26,524  | 15,073  | 16,801  | 15,808  | 12,390  | 76%                   | -10%                  | 6%                    | 28%                   |
| Groton                                       | 12,341  | 13,235  | 1,517   | 3,705   | 3,465   | -7%                   | 772%                  | -59%                  | 7%                    |
| Trinity                                      | 9,454   | 9,088   | 11,438  | 11,845  | 10,742  | 4%                    | -21%                  | -3%                   | 10%                   |
| City of Hartford                             | 87,374  | 80,762  | 79,101  | 85,822  | 80,207  | 8%                    | 2%                    | -8%                   | 7%                    |
| Hartford Public ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor) | 99,386  | 127,541 | 156,662 | 155,405 | 200,164 | -22%                  | -19%                  | 1%                    | -22%                  |
| Killingly Board of Education                 | 3,113   | 4,572   | 3,964   | 4,331   | 3,566   | -32%                  | 15%                   | -8%                   | 21%                   |
| Storefront                                   | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | 1,585   | 1,524   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | 4%                    |
| Manchester Board of Education                | 15,858  | 22,579  | 21,903  | 18,244  | 16,281  | -30%                  | 3%                    | 20%                   | 12%                   |
| Meriden-Sponsored by New Opportunities, Inc. | 45,723  | 42,959  | 41,704  | 44,045  | 40,943  | 6%                    | 3%                    | -5%                   | 8%                    |
| Middletown-Sponsored by CRT, Inc.            | 8,857   | 3,755   | 2,491   | 3,320   | 2,526   | 136%                  | 51%                   | -25%                  | 31%                   |
| New Britain                                  | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | 41,152  | 42,680  | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | -4%                   |
| New Britain BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor) | 73,065  | 68,261  | 88,497  | 55,582  | 46,901  | 7%                    | -23%                  | 59%                   | 19%                   |
| Horizon's Student Enrichment Program         | 12,960  | 12,906  | 13,216  | 8,423   | 8,297   | 0%                    | -2%                   | 57%                   | 2%                    |
| New Haven BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)   | 174,697 | 185,267 | 200,766 | 198,265 | 217,325 | -6%                   | -8%                   | 1%                    | -9%                   |
| New London BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)  | 46,118  | 30,038  | 38,106  | 24,712  | 23,624  | 54%                   | -21%                  | 54%                   | 5%                    |
| Girl Scouts                                  | 1,104   | N/A     | N/A     | 1,574   | 1,755   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | -10%                  |
| Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc.       | 22,974  | 20,152  | 18,951  | 21,883  | 24,067  | 14%                   | 6%                    | -13%                  | -9%                   |
| Norwich Board of Education                   | 15,326  | 17,205  | 13,284  | 13,415  | 7,970   | -11%                  | 30%                   | -1%                   | 68%                   |
| Plainfield ('04 seamless sponsor)            | N/A     | N/A     | N/A     | 14,397  | N/A     | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   |
| Putnam BOE ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)      | 7,275   | 7,582   | 10,860  | 8,323   | 14,830  | -4%                   | -30%                  | 30%                   | -44%                  |
| First United Methodist Church                | N/A     | N/A     | 7,007   | N/A     | N/A     | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | N/A                   |
| Stafford BOE                                 | 5,782   | 6,362   | N/A     | 4,343   | 6,869   | -9%                   | N/A                   | N/A                   | -37%                  |

**Table I Continued**

|  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |      |      |      |      |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Stamford ('02 - '07 seamless sponsor)      | 64,014           | 51,603           | 39,030           | 51,543           | 68,028           | 24%  | 32%  | -24% | -24% |
| Stratford ('04 - '07 seamless sponsor)     | 2,478            | 1,399            | 4,430            | 3,642            | N/A              | 77%  | -68% | 22%  | N/A  |
| Town of Stonington                         | 3,607            | 3,147            | 2,263            | 3,099            | N/A              | 15%  | 39%  | -27% | N/A  |
| Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group      | 3,117            | 1,987            | 1,527            | N/A              | N/A              | 57%  | 30%  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Torrington                                 | N/A              | N/A              | N/A              | 366              | N/A              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Town of Vernon                             | 2,332            | 2,731            | 2,875            | 1,841            | N/A              | -15% | -5%  | 56%  | N/A  |
| Chabad Lubavitch                           | N/A              | N/A              | 3,878            | N/A              | N/A              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |
| Waterbury BOE ('04 - '07 seamless sponsor) | 105,971          | 86,977           | 76,187           | 86,834           | 168,035          | 22%  | 14%  | -12% | -48% |
| West Haven BOE ('05-07 seamless sponsor)   | 26,521           | 23,023           | 18,314           | 13,886           | 11,820           | 15%  | 26%  | 32%  | 17%  |
| Windham Board of Education                 | 9,261            | 9,201            | 9,478            | 11,649           | 13,750           | 1%   | -3%  | -19% | -15% |
| Education Connection                       | 2,455            | 1,849            | 2,019            | N/A              | N/A              | 33%  | -8%  | N/A  | N/A  |
| CCSU                                       | 4,534            | 2,793            | N/A              | 3,156            | 5,080            | 62%  | N/A  | N/A  | -38% |
| Wesleyan University                        | N/A              | 2,206            | N/A              | 4,256            | 2,195            | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  | 94%  |
| Yale University                            | 5,448            | 7,504            | 9,286            | 9,545            | 9,124            | -27% | -19% | -3%  | 5%   |
| Naugatuck Valley Community College         | 3,971            | 3,386            | 3,262            | 3,539            | 3,441            | 17%  | 4%   | -8%  | 3%   |
| Other schools: summer school only **       | 30,077           | 27,187           | 14,788           | 13,881           | 5,801            | 11%  | 84%  | 7%   | 139% |
| <b>Totals</b>                              | <b>1,244,139</b> | <b>1,205,549</b> | <b>1,246,633</b> | <b>1,245,271</b> | <b>1,370,303</b> |      |      |      |      |

|                             | 2007      | 2006      | 2005      | 2004      | 2003      | % Change<br>2006-2007 | % Change<br>2005-2006 | % Change<br>2004-2005 | % Change<br>2003-2004 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Average Daily Participation | 28,197    | 28,151    | 31,764    | 31,036    | 31,332    | 0%                    | -11%                  | 2%                    | -1%                   |
| # of Sites in Operation     | 405       | 393       | 409       | 356       | 359       | 3%                    | -4%                   | 15%                   | -1%                   |
| # Sponsors                  | 35        | 35        | 34        | 39        | 34        | 0%                    | 3%                    | -13%                  | 15%                   |
| Total Meals                 | 1,244,139 | 1,205,549 | 1,246,633 | 1,245,271 | 1,370,303 | 3%                    | -3%                   | 0.1%                  | -9%                   |
|                             |           |           |           |           |           |                       |                       |                       |                       |

**\*2007 - numbers reflect all summer meals served in the state:  
SFSP, Seamless Waiver, and Summer School**

**\*\*Other Schools- ACES, CREC, Hudson Country Montessori, Elizabeth Ives,  
Killingly, Hartford, Westport & Wethersfield (2007)**  
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**\*\* Other Schools - Hudson Country Montessori, Westport, Wethersfield (2005)**  
**\*\* Other Schools - Scotland, Westport, Wethersfield, CREC & ACES (2004)**  
**\*\* Other Schools - Hamden, Southington, Wethersfield, New Beginning Charter (2003)**